

## Message Text

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FM AMCONSUL DHAHRAN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6168

INFO AMEMBASSY JIDDA IMMEDIATE

USLO RIYADH IMMEDIATE

UNCLAS DHAHRAN 0486

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG, SA

SUBJECT: ANOTHER OIL/GAS FIRE IN THE ABQAIQ AREA

1. WE HAVE JUST BEEN ABLE TO CONFIRM A REPORT THAT  
ARAMCO'S GAS/OIL SEPARATOR PLANT (GOSP) NO. 3 BLEW UP AT  
APPROXIMATELY 0145 MORNING OF APRIL 15. GOSP NO. 3 IS  
LOCATED SOME 20 MILES SOUTH OF DHAHRAN, APPROXIMATELY  
MID-WAY BETWEEN DHAHRAN AND ABQAIQ.

2. THE EXTENT OF THE FIRE DAMAGE IS STILL UNDETERMINED,  
BUT ARAMCO HAS SENIOR EXECUTIVES AT THE SITE TO  
INVESTIGATE CAUSE OF THE FIRE, EXTENT OF DAMAGE AND TO  
BEGIN IMMEDIATE REPAIR WORK. STILL UNCONFIRMED REPORTS  
ARE THAT FOUR PEOPLE (NATIONALITY UNKNOWN) HAVE DIED  
FROM BURNS. ACCORDING TOIA PRELIMINARY REPORT FROM AN  
AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN WHO WORKS CLOSELY WITH ARAMCO,  
THE FIRE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY THE RUPTURE  
OF A CRUDE OIL PIPELINE PERMITTING NATURAL GAS TO  
ESCAPE AND BLOW TOWARD THE GOSP SITE WHERE IT WAS  
IGNITED BY THE PLANT'S FLARE.

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3. WE WILL REPORT IN MORE DETAIL IMMEDIATELY  
UPON RECEIPT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.  
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